

PATENT
Attorney Docket No. 4329.3083

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Application No.: 10/608,020)	Group Art Unit: 2812
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Filed: June 30, 2003)	Examiner: Unknown
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For: METHOD OF PURGING)	
SEMICONDUCTOR)	
MANUFACTURING APPARATUS)	
AND METHOD OF)	
MANUFACTURING)	
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE)	

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Sir:

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") supplements the IDS filed on October 29, 2003, and is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents are attached.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

Japanese Publication No. 5-331630 is discussed on page 12 of the present application.

In addition, the article to Mitani et al. is discussed on page 21 of the present application.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and applicant determines that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, applicant reserves the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

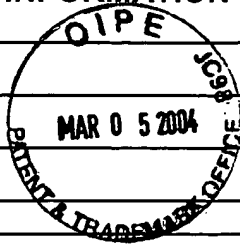
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
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		5-331630	12/14/93	Japan			No

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)	
	Mitani et al., "Reexamination of Fluorine Incorporation into SiO ₂ Significant Improvement of Charge-to-breakdown Distribution Tail," IEEE 37 th Annual International Reliability Physics Symposium (1999), pp. 93-98

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